Family Relations and Human Development

Family Relations and Human Development is a field of study offered by the Department of Family Relations and Applied Nutrition. We are a unique, interdisciplinary academic unit focused on integrating research and practice.

The field of Family Relations and Human Development (FRHD) offers an MSc and a PhD, which involve a combination of course work and a research thesis. For the PhD the completion of a qualifying exam is also required.

**Research Capacity**

Building on core theory and methodology courses to support thesis work, this scientist-practitioner orientation prepares graduates to pursue an academic or professional career in a variety of settings.

**Admission Requirements**

- An honours bachelor’s degree, or equivalent
- A minimum 75% average in the last 2 years of study
- Grades of at least 75% in applied statistics and social science research methods courses
- For PhD, master’s degree with a research-based thesis

**Application Deadline:** January 6, 2023

**Eligibility**

We welcome students with diverse backgrounds such as psychology, sociology and other social sciences, healthcare, applied health, health promotion, human development, cultural and Indigenous studies, sexuality and gender studies, education and developmental sciences.

**Faculty**

Dr. Kim Anderson  
Dr. Lynda Ashbourne  
Dr. Andrea Breen  
Dr. Susan Chuang  
Dr. Adam Davies  
Dr. Tuuli Kukkonen  
Dr. Scott B. Maitland  
Dr. Robin Milhausen  
Dr. Michèle Preyde  
Dr. Carla Rice  
Dr. Tricia van Rhijn  
Dr. Olga Smoliak  
Dr. Kimberley Wilson

**ARE YOU INTERESTED IN:**

- Child, Adolescent and/or Adult Development and Aging
- Gerontology
- Parent-Child and Family Relations
- Human Sexuality
- Program Evaluation, Intervention and Research Methodology

**CAREER OPPORTUNITIES:**

- Direct service or supervisory capacity in government
- Community and human services
- Academia
- Private sector or public agency work
- Research related positions

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Sarina is conducting her Family Relations and Human Development MSc research with Indigenous youth that reside in urban settings, to explore how they create and maintain culturally safe and significant spaces in the city. As cities increasingly become home to those who identify as Indigenous and given the importance of Indigenous resurgence and longevity, Sarina aims to qualitatively explore this group to better understand their wants, needs, and dreams to inform a positive Indigenous futurity. As a young Métis woman, she holds this research close to her heart.